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SUBJ: REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC-WESTERN SAMOA DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS

REF: SUVA 1284

1. EMBASSY SUVA REPORTS FOLLOWING ITEM FROM
NOV. 15 FIJIAN PRESS:

"TOKYO-CHINA AND WESTERN SAMOA ESTABLISHED
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON NOVEMBER
6, PEKING'S OFFICIAL HSINHUA NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED
YESTERDAY. JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID TWO HAVE AGREED
TO MUTUALLY PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FOR
PERFORMANCE OF FUNCTIONS OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE. COMMUNIQUE,
BROADCAST BY HSINHUA AND MONITORED IN TOKYO, SAID
RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED ON BASIS OF FIVE PRINCIPLES
OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. GOWS ACKNOWLEDGED CHINESE
POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS INALIENABLE PART OF TERRITORY
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AND PROVINCE OF CHINA. GOWS RECOGNIZED PEKING GOVT.

AS SOLE LEGAL GOVT. OF CHINA."

2. ABOVE DISCUSSED WITH MFA'S PACIFIC DIVISION HEAD (PIDDINGTON), WHO WAS UNAWARE OF REPORT AND SAID GOWS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT HAD TOLD NZ HIGH COMMISSION IN APIA NOV. 12 THAT "NO DECISION OR ANNOUNCEMENT MADE" REGARDING GOWS-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

3. PIDDINGTON, NOTING SOURCE OF PRESS REPORT, SUSPECTS IT MAY HAVE, DELIBERATELY OR OTHERWISE, CONFUSED NOV. 6 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRC-FIJIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (REFTEL) WITH PRC-GOWS RELATIONS, SINCE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE GOWS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE MIS-INFORMED NZ HIGH COMMISSION.

4. PIDDINGTON SAID HE WAS OF COURSE AWARE THAT GOWS-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND THT PRC AMBASSADOR TO NZ IS DUE TO MAKE "UNOFFICIAL" VISIT TO APIA IN EARLY DECEMBER. PIDDINGTON IS DISPATCHING TELEGRAPHIC QUERY ON THE MATTER AND WILL LET EMBASSY KNOW WHAT HE FINDS OUT. SELDEN

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